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In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph extending from page 16, line 13, through page 17, line 3, as follows:

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For purposes of the present invention, by polynucleotides it is meant to include isolated nucleic acid sequences comprising single- and double-stranded DNA, DNA that is a mixture of single- and double-stranded regions, single and double-stranded RNA or hybrids thereof wherein the sequences comprise SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13, fragments of at least 15 contiguous nucleobases of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13, nucleic acid sequences which, due to degeneracy in genetic coding, comprise variations in polynucleotide sequence as compared to SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13, but which still encode the same protein, and nucleic acid sequences which are capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to the antisense sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13. By stringent conditions it is meant that hybridization with the antisense sequence will occur only if there is at least 95%, and more preferably at least 97% identity with SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13. RNA sequences may be in the form of mRNA while DNA sequences may be in the form of cDNA or genomic DNA obtained by cloning or